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NASA Wallops Posting Boundaries

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility would like to inform local area residents and visitors of heightened security conditions for the Wallops Island and Mainland areas that impact public activities such as boating, hunting, fishing, and any other recreational activities in those areas. This action is being taken in response to national security issues resulting from the September 11 attack on our country and the public safety concerns of uncontrolled access into these restricted areas.

In order to protect the public from unknowingly trespassing on government property, NASA is posting the Wallops Island and Mainland property boundaries along the inland waterway and connecting bays in the very near future. To make sure the NASA perimeter boundary is clearly marked, US Government Property signs will be posted and maintained every quarter-mile along the property boundary and/or at locations along the waterway and connecting bays.

Federal and state law enforcement agencies also will provide increased patrolling of these areas, especially the gut and narrow waterways within the government's boundary perimeter during hunting season, and strictly enforcing appropriate state and federal laws. Additionally, electronic surveillance of these areas will be increased to monitor and report uncontrolled access into these restricted areas. Should anyone have questions or concerns regarding these issues, please contact the NASA Public Affairs Office at (757) 824-1579.